

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
DECEMBER 17, 2013

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. All members are in attendance.

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the November minutes. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS

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Kris Marks asked that \$900 be appropriated from his non-reverting fund for his year-end meeting. Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

COUNCIL ACTION

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the revised 2014 Salary Ordinance. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the revised 2014 Budget Ordinance. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-1 (McAuliffe).

CONVERSE – JACKSON LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

Councilman Boyer made a motion to re-appoint Sierra Martin to the Converse Jackson Library. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

KELLY AVENUE BRIDGE RENOVATION

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, explained to the Council that the County is eligible to apply for a grant (20% match) to renovate Kelly Avenue Bridge. Councilman Boyer asked how much the County would have to pay for engineering cost if we did not get the grant. Mr. Einselen stated that he would not even start anything if we did not get the grant. Councilman McAuliffe asked if they would only do one side at a time so they would not have to close the entire bridge. Mr. Einselen said that was possible but he would not recommend that.

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve issuing the following statement to INDOT:
Miami County is interested in providing the local funding requirement for the proposed rehabilitation project submitted in response to INDOT's November 1st, 2013 notice of funding availability (NOFA) for federal funds for local projects. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Commissioner Francis asked to speak to the Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is going to be extremely important to all of Miami County as it will affect the Highway 31 project, the Steller Community grant for Peru City and a project that is being worked at Grissom just to name a few. The cost of the Plan is \$74,000 and the City of Peru is willing to pay part of the cost. Commissioner Francis would like a show of support to appropriate the money out of the C.E.D.I.T. Fund. Councilman Boyer made a motion to support. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7 – 0.

LOANS FROM RIVERBOAT AND RAINY DAY

Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor, informed the Council that there will be approximately a 10% increase in the insurance hard cost. Commissioner Francis stated that promoting the clinic, which saves the County money, is very important. Besides lower doctor cost, the clinic carries the top 100 generic drugs. Even with all these savings, it will still be necessary to make some major changes in the Health Insurance.

Councilman Boyer made a motion to forgive both the loan from Rainy Day and Riverboat fund. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Hunt abstained).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

JANUARY MEETING

Councilman Hunt made a motion to have the January meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the G.A.R. room in order to meet the timeframe for election of officers and appointments. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor